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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: PORT SUDAN

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1. GERMAN CONSULTING FIRM IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON TURN-KEY PROJECT FOR PORT SUAKIN DEVELOPMENT DURING NOVEMBER. PHASE I WILL COST ABOUT \$120 MILLION. PROJECT WILL INCLUDE POWER GENERATION STATION AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM TO TRANSPORT FRESH WATER FROM TOKAR DELTA, 50 MILES SOUTH. MAJOR HIGHWAY ALREADY JOINS SUAKIN WITH PORT SUDAN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COUNTRY'S INLAND TRANSPORTATION LINK. GOS PLANS TO USE NEW PORTS AS TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR JIDDA.

2. FRG RECENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT TO FINANCE DM 68 MILLION FOR PROJECT. SAUDI FINANCING IS ALSO EXPECTED. ACCORDING TO GERMAN EMBOFF, FRG FINANCING IS NOT TIED TO GERMAN PROCUREMENT.

3. COMMENT: PROJECT WILL OFFER IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES IN ALL AREAS OF SEAPORT CONSTRUCTION PLUS SALES OF CARGO AND MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, TUGS, BARGES, TRANSSHIPMENT VESSELS, AND POWER GENERATION AND WATER SUPPLY EQUIPMENT.
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